

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests the entering of the above amendment. Amendments to the Specification are made to correct minor typographical errors or to add clarifying statements.

Claim 39 is amended to add a period. Claims 53 and 59 add language supported by, e.g., page 9, lines 5-14, page 13, lines 13-14, and Figure 2, of the Specification as originally filed.

Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with this preliminary amendment. However, if a fee is in fact due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the same to our Deposit Account No. **08-3038**, referencing Docket No. **02453.0022.NPUS00**.

Respectfully submitted,

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